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Dear Senator Bye and Members of the Committee,

I am favor of SB816.

As a resident of Haddam for many years, I watched as Connecticut Yankee's nuclear power plant closed and our grand list dropped dramatically. At the same time, our portion of State education cost-sharing did not change. This is inherently unfair. Haddam now ranks as the tenth most underfunded town in Connecticut.

I believe that we must fix the funding formula so that towns like Haddam and others that are are similarly underfunded can begin to tax their residents more fairly. We need to take this first step--our students deserve it, our taxpayers deserve it, and ultimately, the State of Connecticut will reap the rewards of a better educated, more stable population.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,
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